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The Soft Drinks (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993

Made	*25th May 1993*
Coming into operation—	
for the purposes of regulations 1 and 2(1)	*28th June 1993*
for the purposes of regulation 2(2)	*1st January 1994*

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 15(1) and 47(2)(*b*) of the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and after consultation in accordance with Article 47(3) of the said Order with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests likely to be substantially affected by these Regulations, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Soft Drinks (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 and shall come into operation as follows:

(*a*) regulations 1 and 2(1) on 28th June 1993;

(*b*) regulation 2(2) on 1st January 1994.

Amendment of the Soft Drinks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976

2.—(1) The Soft Drinks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(**b**) shall be amended as specified in the Schedule.

(2) Regulation 5(2) of the Soft Drinks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 shall be amended by deleting proviso (*a*).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 25th May 1993.

(L.S.) *D. A. Baker*
Assistant Secretary

(**a**) S.I. 1991/762 (N.I. 7). *See* Article 2(2) for the definitions of "regulations" and "the Department concerned"

(**b**) S.R. 1976 No. 357, the relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1983 No. 265

SCHEDULE

1. Regulation 5(2) shall be amended—

(*a*) by substituting ''quantity'' for ''quantities'';

(*b*) by deleting the words ''added sugar and'';

(*c*) by deleting proviso (*b*).

2. Regulation 5(3) shall be amended—

(*a*) by substituting ''quantity'' for ''quantities'';

(*b*) by deleting ''added sugar and''.

3. In regulation 5(5) ''a minimum quantity of added sugar or'' shall be deleted.

4. Regulation 8 shall be amended—

(*a*) by substituting ''quantity'' for ''quantities'';

(*b*) by deleting ''added sugar and''.

5. In Schedule 2 there shall be deleted from Parts I and II respectively, column 3 and all the figures and words contained within the said column.

6. In Schedule 3 there shall be omitted from Parts I and II respectively, that part of column 3 headed ''Min'' and all the figures and words contained within that part of that column.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Soft Drinks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 (''the principal Regulations''). They remove the minimum sugar composition requirements (regulation 2 and paragraphs 1, 2, 5 and 6 of the Schedule).

The higher maximum permitted quantities of saccharin specified in Schedule 2 Part II of the principal Regulations for soft drinks for consumption after dilution other than semi-sweet soft drinks continue to apply, until 1st January 1994, to soft drinks other than semi-sweet soft drinks intended for consumption without dilution provided that such soft drinks contain not less than 22½ pounds of sugar per 10 gallons (regulations 1(*b*) and 2(2)).